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FOR NEA/INS FEIERSTEIN AND H ESCUDERO

ICA FOR ECA/VGE HARVEY; NEA ANDERSON

ALSO PASS PEACE CORPS FOR PAULA BENJELLOUN

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: EXCH, PEPR, NP, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF HON. BHAGAWATI DAS SHRESTHA ON IVP GRANT TO U.S.

1. WE HAVE NOMINATED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL PANCHAYAT (FROM ILAM DISTRICT) BHAGAWATI DAS SHRESTHA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTI-REGIONAL PROGRAM "U.S. PERSPECTIVES ON THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER." HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 14.

2. ASIDE FROM THE MRP, WE BELIEVE THAT SHRESTHA SHOULD MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL(S), PERHAPS SCHAFER OR SCHNEIDER. SHRESTHA IS THOUGHTFUL AND ARTICULATE.

3. ADDITIONALLY, GIVEN SHRESTHA'S POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE RASTRIYA PANCHAYAT (WHICH IS THE LOCAL VERSION OF OUR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES), BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SHRESTHA TO HAVE SOME HILL EXPOSURE. RECALLING HOW DIFFICULT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO MAKE, HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT H/NEA OR FEIERSTEIN CONTACT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTLY AND ASK THEM TO SEE SHRESTHA, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN AS A PERSONAL FAVOR TO PETER BURLEIGH. INFORM THEM THAT THEY WILL BE REWARDED IN THEIR NEXT LIFE. (A) STANLEY ROTH OF HFAC ASIA AND PACIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SOLARZ'S STAFF (AND IF SOLARZ COULD BE CONVINCED TO HAVE COFFEE WITH SHRESTHA ALL THE BETTER); (B) ED POWERS AND JIM FAIRCHILD OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE; (C) SCOTT LILLY AND/OR MIKE MAREK OF CONGRESSMAN OBEY'S STAFF AND (D) RON TAMMEN OF SENATOR PROXMIRE'S STAFF. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN THE SFRC, LIE BILL BARNDT, WHO HAS A LONG-TERM INTEREST IN SOUTH ASIA, HE/SHE SHOULD BE CONTACTED TOO. FOR ALL OF THESE GENTLEMEN, SHRESTHA IS INTERESTED IN THE FUNCTIONING OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND IN GENERAL THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE WINGS OF THE USG..

4. FOR PEACE CORPS/BENJELLOUN: SHRESTHA HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN ILAM DISTRICT OVER THE YEARS AND PLANS TO CONTACT SEVERAL UPON ARRIVAL IN U.S. HE HAS ADDITIONALLY GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING

RJK _____
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file: Cong. Solarz
Cong. Obey
Sen. Proxmire
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NAMES (PARA 5) OF FORMER PCVS HE WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT.
IS IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY HIM WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN D.C.? GIVEN HIS
LONG-TIME ASSOCIATION WITH THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM HERE,
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR JODY OLSEN OR CAROL WZOREK TO MEET
WITH HIM DURING HIS WASHINGTON STAY, TIME PERMITTING.

5. FORMER PCVS: (A) RICHARD EMERY (N-II); (B) PIRIE GALL
(N-II); (C) JUDY MYER (N-III); (D) SUSAN GIBSON (N-IV);
(E) SUSAN LAFFORD (N-V); (F) PETER BRIGHTENBACK (N-IV
OR V); (G) TODD RAGSDALE (212 NORTHWOOD CIRCLE, DURHAM,
N.C. 27701; TEL: (919) 688-8742); (H) DOUGLAS MACDONALD.
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END OF MESSAGE

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